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WHITEHAVEN RIPARIAN SANITARY AUTHORITY.

ANNUAL REPORT 1938.

1. Amount of Shipping entering the Port during the year.

	Number.	Tonnage.	Number inspected by M.O.H.	Number inspected by S.I.	No. reported to be defective.
FOREIGN.					
Steamers.	9	3323	-	3	-
Motor.	-	-	-	-	-
Sailing.	-	-	-	-	-
Fishing.	-	-	-	-	-
Total Foreign.	9	3323	-	3	-
COASTWISE.					
Steamers.	736	104,151	-	3	-
Motor.	-	-	-	-	-
Sailing.	1	49	-	-	-
Fishing.	57	730	-	-	-
Total Coastwise.	794	104,930	-	3	-
Total Foreign and Coastwise.	803	108,253	-	6	-

The above numbers show the total number of arrivals and the total tonnage for the year. Actually the numbers of individual vessels concerned were :-

Foreign Steamers.	9
Coastwise Steamers.	167
" Sailing.	1
" Fishing.	9
	186

11. - Character of Trade of Port.

(a) Passenger Traffic - There has been no passenger traffic at the port during the year.

(b) The principal imports for the year consisted of timber from foreign ports, grain and general cargoes from Liverpool, and cement from London and Ireland.

The chief exports were coal, mainly to Ireland (including the Irish Free State) the Isle of Man and coastwise ports, and pitch chiefly to France.

(c) Vessels arriving from Foreign Ports are shown as under.

Nationality.	Foreign port from which arrived.	Tonnage.	Cargo.
British.	Havre.	318	Grain.
do.	do.	252	do.
do.	do.	255	do.
do.	Rotterdam.	255	do.
do.	do.	263	do.
Danish.	Halifax.	784	Timber.
Swedish.	Munksund.	377	do.
do.	Hudiksvall.	514	do.
Belgian.	Dieppe.	305	Grain.

111. Source of Water Supply.

Water, both for the port and for shipping, is obtained from the Town's supply and it is both satisfactory and sufficient. There are no water boats.

1V. Port Sanitary Regulations 1933.

The arrangements under the Port Sanitary Regulations were set out fully in previous reports, and there has been no alteration in these. No action was required in regard to infectious diseases during the year.

V. Measures against Rodents.

Enquiries are made as to the prevalence of rats. There are no warehouses or stores on the docks, and there is no evidence of any prevalence.

Vl. Hygiene of Crews' Spaces.

Very little was found that could be taken exception to by the Sanitary Inspector, generally some want of cleanliness, and these conditions were remedied without having to serve formal notices.

Vll. Food Inspection.

No foodstuffs are imported, and consequently no action was taken under the various food regulations.

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V111. Harbour Improvements.

Work was commenced on the alterations to the Bulwark Quay at the beginning of March 1938. Piling along the Timber Quay of the Queen's Dock was commenced in May 1938, and for two months the Queen's Dock was used mainly as a tidal basin. Towards the end of July, the dock was finally closed for shipping, and alterations at the entrance commenced. The dock remained closed for the remainder of the year.

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8th February 1939.